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## NOMINATE NOW FOR 2010 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Every year a committed and largely unseen army of volunteers give their time and skills to enhance the lives of many in our community.

The City of Ryde annual Volunteer Recognition Awards, run in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, aim to acknowledge the contribution made by these unsung heroes.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Michael Butterworth, said: "Statistics show that more than 5 million Australians do some form of voluntary work contributing over 710 million hours annually.

"Locally, community organisations increasingly rely on the support of volunteers across a broad range of services from meals on wheels, home gardening or bushland conservation, to emergency services, education, social justice services, heritage conservation and the arts.

"Our Awards provide an opportunity to pay tribute to these volunteers who donate their time and energy to selflessly assist others."

There are categories for Individual, Group and Young Volunteer of the Year. Nominations can now be made for any business, industry, community group, family or individual actively involved in voluntary service in the City of Ryde during the past two years (excluding those primarily involved in political and/or lobbying activities).

Nominations close on Friday 16 April and can be made in the following ways:

Fax: (02) 9952 8199

Mail to: City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde, NSW, 1670

Online: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteerawards](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteerawards)

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